

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated EG-VEGF polypeptide ~~having~~comprising at least 95% amino acid sequence identity with ~~the amino acid sequence of~~ residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, ~~wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.~~
- 2-5. (cancelled)
6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide of claim 1, comprising ~~an amino acid sequence comprising~~ amino acid residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, ~~wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.~~
7. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.
8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide of claim 1, comprising ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence of ~~comprising~~ SEQ ID NO:2, ~~wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.~~
- 9-11. (cancelled)
12. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1 9, wherein the ~~native~~ polypeptide sequence is a human sequence.
13. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 1.

14. (withdrawn) The polynucleotide of claim 13, comprising nucleotides 91 to 405 of SEQ ID NO:1.
15. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 13.
16. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 15.
17. (withdrawn and currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 8 5.
18. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 17.
19. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 18.
20. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 6.
21. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 20.
22. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 21.
23. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 7.
24. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 23.
25. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 24.
26. (new) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
27. (new) The polypeptide of claim 6, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.

28. (new) The polypeptide of claim 7, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
29. (new) The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
30. (new) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
31. (new) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 6 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
32. (new) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 7 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
33. (new) A chimeric polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 8 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
34. (new) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 30, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.
35. (new) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 31, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.
36. (new) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 32, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.
37. (new) The chimeric polypeptide of claim 33, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an Fc portion of an immunoglobulin or a HIS tag.